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SUBJECT: REVISED MEETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR US-JAPAN BILATERAL
FISHERIES TALKS

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SUMMARY: FONOFF HAS ADVISED EMBASSY OF GOJ'S INABILITY TO HOST
TECHNICAL/WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF TOKYO. EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS THAT WE ACCEPT OFFER TO HOLD MEETINGS IN TOKYO, ALTHOUGH
EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNTIL AFTER
NOV. 22.

1. MATSUURA (DIRECTOR, FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIVISION, FONOFF)
FORMALLY NOTIFIED E/C COUNS AND REGFISHATT THAT AFTER CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION, GOJ COULD NOT AGREE TO HOLD TECHNICAL/WORKING GROUP
MEETINGS OF THE US-JAPAN FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS OUTSIDE OF TOKYO AS
ORIGINALLY AGREED 10/24 AND REPORTED REF A.

2. MATSUURA GAVE THREE REASONS FOR REVERSAL OF ORIGINAL DECISION:
(A) FONOF HAD ASSUMED THAT PARTICIPANTS OF MEETING WOULD ONLY BE
SMALL GROUP OF SCIENTISTS, SAME TYPE MEETING AS THAT HELD IN TOKYO
OCTOBER 1973 AND PROPOSED BY US FOR OCTOBER 17-18 (REF B).
WHILE LABORATORY AT SHIMIZU COULD ACCOMODATE SUCH A SMALL
GROUP, FACILITIES AT SHIMIZU UNABLE TO HANDLE US DELEGATION OF
20 AND SIMILAR NUMBER FROM JAPAN AND SUPPLEMENTAL SPACE WILL NOT
BE AVAILABLE AT NEAR-BY TOKAI UNIVERSITY BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH
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OTHER MEETINGS.

(B) EVEN THOUGH MEETING MIGHT BE HELD AT ANOTHER LOCATION OUTSIDE OF TOKYO, FONOFF CLAIMS THAT IT WOULD COST AN ADDITIONAL \$7,000 WHICH HAS NOT BEEN BUDGETED EITHER BY FONOFF OR FISHERY AGENCY, AND WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE BUDGET OFFICERS WHEN SPACE AND SUPPORT FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE DURING SAME PERIOD IN TOKYO.

(C) FONOFF NOW BELIEVES THAT THE WORK OF THE THREE GROUPS ARE IN FACT PART OF QTE HARD CORE UNQTE NEGOTIATIONS AND WOULD REQUIRE PARTICIPATION BY FONOFF FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIVISION WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IF MEETING WERE HELD OUTSIDE OF TOKYO.

3. MATSUURA GAVE THREE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES: (A) HAVE A MEETING OF SCIENTISTS (NOT TO EXCEED 6 OR 7 FROM EACH COUNTRY) AT SHIMIZU, (B) HOLD MEETING TECHNICAL/WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN TOKYO, OR (C) DELAY BEGINNING OF MEETINGS UNTIL NOVEMBER 25.

4. IN VIEW OF INABILITY OF GOJ TO HANDLE MEETING OT TYPE REQUIRED OUTSIDE OF TOKYO AND TIME PRESSURES INVOLVED, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD REVERT TO ORIGINAL PLAN OF HOLDING MEETINGS IN TOKYO (REF C), BUT BEGINNING NOVEMBER 18. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE BOOKED HOTEL SPACE IN TOKYO FROM NOVEMBER 15.

5. SINCE FIRST WEEK OF MEETINGS WILL COINCIDE WITH STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT, EMBASSY REGRETS THAT IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO USDEL UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER 22, I.E. TRANSPORTATION, SECRETARIAL SERVICES, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, ETC. DURING THAT PERIOD ONLY LIMITED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE. AFTER THAT DATE EMBASSY WILL OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE DELEGATION. WE ARE ENDEAVORING ARRANGE US DEL OFFICE SPACE AT SANNO HOTEL.

6. PLEASE CONFIRM SOONEST THAT ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE SATISFACTORY TO USDEL.
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